

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner accept the foregoing amendments to this application. The amendments to the claims merely change the dependency of certain allowed claims so that they depend from an existing claim, rather than a cancelled claim. Moreover, these claim amendments substantially follow the amendments made by examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance. However, applicant has changed the dependency of claims 41, 42 and 43 from the dependency reflected in the Notice of Allowance to reflect the dependency of these claims throughout prosecution.

The present amendment is for the further purpose of inserting a cross-reference to applicant's Japanese priority application. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that this amendment is clearly enterable, and such action is, therefore, respectfully requested. If, however, the examiner does not believe that such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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